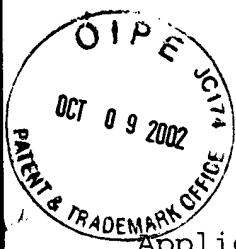


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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

**Applicants herein request an Interview with the Examiner before the first Office Action on the merits.**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10-16, 18 and 20-24 are pending in the present application.

**Claim Objections**

In the Office Action of April 9, 2002, the Examiner has objected to some of the pending claims. The Advisory Action of July 22, 2002 states that these objections have been overcome.